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TAGS: EGEN, ETRD, ASEC, UR  
SUBJECT: RELOCATION OF INTOURIST OFFICES IN  
NEW YORK

REF: STATE 33902 AND PREVIOUS

1. AMEXCO'S MOSCOW REP (TEDESCO) CONFIRMED TO COMATT  
FEBRUARY 18 THAT INTOURIST HAD OFFERED AMEXCO GROUND  
LEVEL OFFICE SPACE ON SADOVOYE KOL'TSO AT NO. 21A  
SADOVOYA KUDRINSKAYA -- BETWEEN U.S. EMBASSY AND  
PEKIN HOTEL NEAR PAKISTANI EMBASSY AND ON SAME SIDE  
OF STREET (NORTH). ALTHOUGH IT WOULD REQUIRE AN AMPLE  
AMOUNT OF WORK TO PUT IN SHAPE, ACCORDING TO TEDESCO,  
SITE FEATURES THREE LARGE WINDOWS FACING ON STREET  
EACH WITH DIMENSIONS OF APPROXIMATELY 8 FEET BY 14  
FEET. TOTAL WORKING AREA ESTIMATED AT 300 SQUARE  
METERS BROKEN DOWN BETWEEN 250 SQUARE METERS OF  
GROUND FLOOR SPACE AND FIFTY SQUARE METERS OF BALCONY  
SPACE SUITABLE FOR FILE ROOM AND STORAGE. IN GENERAL,  
TEDESCO SAID THAT SUGGESTED NEW SITE OFFERED UNIQUE  
PUBLIC VISIBILITY DESPITE FACT THAT, AS NOTED REFTEL,  
IT IS LOCATED SOME DISTANCE FROM MOST LARGE TOURIST  
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HOTELS IN MOSCOW.

2. TEDESCO SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO RESOLUTION OF TWO  
PROBLEM AREAS, PRICE AND AVAILABILITY SINCE FEBRUARY 9  
(DATE CITED REFTEL FOR DEPARTMENT'S LAST CONTACT WITH  
AMEXCO NEW YORK ON THIS SUBJECT). TEDESCO SAID THAT  
AMEXCO WOULD NOT SEND A PROFESSIONAL PROPERTY ASSESSOR

(EVALUATOR) TO MOSCOW TO INSPECT OFFERED SPACE UNTIL SOVIETS HAD ASSURED FIRM IN WRITING THAT PRICE RANGE FOR RENTAL OF NEW OFFICE AREA WAS NOT ABOVE AVERAGE CHARGED TO OTHER U.S. FIRMS AT, SAY, POKROVSKY BUL'VAR 4/17. AS REGARDS AVAILABILITY, TEDESCO SAID THAT AMEXCO WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT SOVIET ASSURANCES THAT OCCUPANCY COULD TAKE PLACE IN "REASONABLY" SHORT TIME.

3. EMBASSY HEARTILY CONCURS IN DEPARTMENT'S DECISION TO WITHHOLD APPROVAL OF INTOURIST PLANS TO RELOCATE IN NEW YORK UNTIL AMEXCO CAN RECEIVE ASSURANCES FROM SOVIETS AS TO RENTAL CHARGES AND SEND A MAN IN TO ASSESS SUITABILITY OF PROFFERED NEW LOCATIBHQZ. WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO KEEP ON TOP OF THIS SO THAT NO TIME WILL BE LOST BETWEEN AMEXCO'S DECISION AND SUBSEQUENT NOTIFICATION TO DEPARTMENT. MATLOCK

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